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PROGRAM: Seventh Annual Exhibit Night and Election of 1973 Officers
(See "Inside N.I." for map showing location of meeting place.)

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 1973 OFFICERS: The following persons have been proposed for 1973 offices by the Nominating Committee. Additional nominations from the floor will be in order.

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Exhibit Chairman Carl Young is expecting each local member to enter at least one exhibit in this year's show. If you haven't started working up your exhibit, you had better get started as you are almost out of time. This meeting and next month's dinner meeting and awards banquet are the two major highlights of the year. Let's see everyone at the meeting and DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR EXHIBIT.

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MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

OCTOBER APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: Membership Application Nos. 814-815 published in the October 1972 NI Bulletin have been admitted to membership.

NOVEMBER APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP: The following persons have applied for membership. If no written objections are received by December 1, 1972 their membership will become effective that date. (MT = Will Trade by Mail)

816-MT John H. Brown, Box 256 USNCS, FPO New York 09544
(Europe and Africa)

817 Dr. S. N. Bodapati, 2430 Penn. Ave. N. W. 604, Washington, D. C. 20037

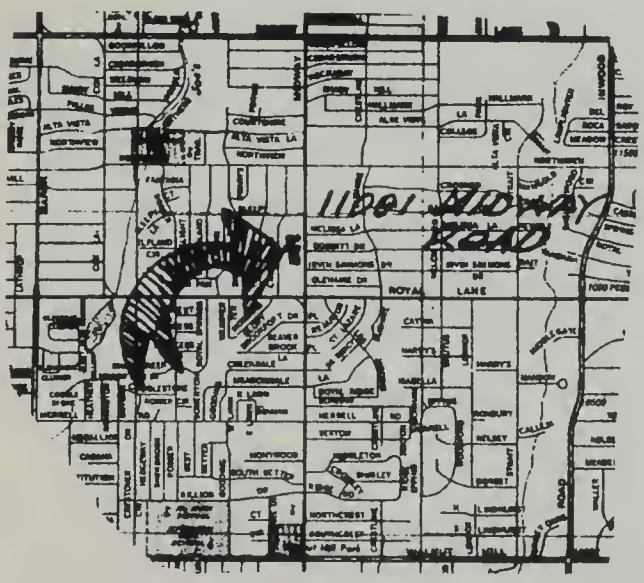
818-MT Ray Swartzfager, P. O. Box 65, Laurel, Miss. 39440
(Crowns and Scandanavian Minors)

819-MT Dr. Seymour F. Kaplan, P. O. Box 6035, Albuquerque, N. M. 87107
(Coins and Medals of 1876)

CHANGES OF ADDRESSES AND COLLECTING SPECIALTIES:

241-MT MSGT Miller B. Arbutine, Box 15249, Tucson, Ariz. 85708
(World Crowns and Halfcrowns)

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE FOR THIS MONTH'S MEETING ONLY: The meeting this month will be held at the Midway Hills Christian Church, 11001 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas. The map at the left will show you how to get there. Drive into the parking area at the south side of the church. Enter the side door (to the left of the main entrance to the sanctuary).



EXHIBITS AND AWARDS: There are 18 Awards and the Founders Trophy (for Best of Show) to be received by exhibitors.

LIGHTING: Please bring supplementary lighting for your exhibit. Also bring extension cords and multiple plugs for all lighted exhibits. This is very important as the room is not sufficiently lighted for maximum viewing of the exhibits.

"GOALS FOR NI" SESSION ANNOUNCED FOR NOVEMBER 11TH: A special meeting of the Board of Governors is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th at 9:00 A.M. to discuss "Goals for N.I.". This meeting will be an all day session and will be held at the Midway Hills Christian Church, 11001 Midway Road, Dallas, Texas (see map on page 3). The purpose of this all day session of the board is to set up some goals to be accomplished by NI in the future years and discuss various subjects more thoroughly than time permits at the monthly evening meetings of the board.

ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THIS "GOALS FOR NI" SESSION. We are inviting the membership to attend this special board meeting in order that we can get your ideas and you can help in the planning for the future of NI. The bulletin is being mailed early this month so that you will have the opportunity to plan for attending this very important session. Any out-of-town members that are unable to attend due to distance involved are urged to write (airmail) to the board with comments or suggestions of subjects that they wish to be brought up for discussion at this session. If you are fearful that your mail reply might not reach us by November 11th, please feel free to call any of the board members by telephone and air your views and comments personally. We shall be pleased to hear from any members desiring recognition for subjects to be discussed at this special meeting.

HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF NI BY ATTENDING THE "GOALS FOR NI" SESSION.

1973 DUES: A vote by the members present at this month's meeting is required to ratify the 1973 Dues of $5.00, set by the Board of Governors at their monthly meeting in September.

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING: Reservations are now being accepted for the December Dinner and Awards Banquet to be held Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30 P.M. at the CANTON RESTAURANT, 5519 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas. Cost is $5.00 per person and seating is limited to 40 persons. Better get your reservation in early as the space will fill up fast.

5TH MAIL BID SALE: The 5th Mail Bid Sale closed on October 25th. Lots are now being mailed to the successful bidders and if you have not remitted, please do so immediately so as not to delay payments to the members that entered the lots for sale. We want to get this sale completely closed out as soon as possible in order to get our books completed for 1972 and a budget planned for 1973.

APPEAL FROM THE EDITOR: We are getting caught up with our backlog of articles for the NI Bulletin and will be in need of material for 1973. If you have not written an article, please consider being "published" in 1973. To those who have supported the bulletin by authoring articles in the past, we thank you and ask your continuing support. All types of material is needed -- filler items, short articles, long articles, news items, research assistance requests, etc. Send your material for the bulletin to Marvin L. Fraley, P. O. Box 2070, Lubbock, Texas 79408.

COINS OF TRIPURA AND A VERY RARE ONE RUPEE OF ASSAM

(Information submitted by Kenneth T. Olmsted)

(Editor's Note: The article below is from the correspondence files of Kenneth T. Olmsted, having been sent to him by an old friend, now deceased. Kenneth stated that considerable trouble went into even obtaining this little bit of information and that he sincerely hopes the membership appreciates it being reproduced here in the NI Bulletin.)

I am also enclosing herewith a set of photographs of some of the ancient coins of Tripura. You wanted some details of the coinage of Tripura:

Tripura is a Native State situated at the North East Frontier of India and is surrounded by Assam, East Pakistan and Burma. The coinage of this tiny powerful Hindu Kingdom started as early as in the 13th Century A.D. and has continued uninterrupted till the independence of India in 1947, though their last coin is dated 1341 (Tripura year) i.e. 1938 A.D. It is very interesting to note that this is the only native Kingdom in India which has withstood the attacks of the very powerful Sultans of Bengal in the 14th Century A.D., the mighty Mughal Emperors of Hindusthan in the 16th Century. They have also refused to accept the Supremacy of the British and has refused to issue any coin in the name of the Kings and Queens of England as were done by other native states of India. Another significance of their coinage is that they have devised an independent design for their coinage and have continued to put their national symbol of a lion from the first coinage to the last.

Collectors in the U.S.A. are, perhaps, confounded just because the denomination of the coin has not been given on the coin. This is just because, even the last king, believed the tradition of his predecessors. Same is the case with the coinage of Assam, Mughal empire and all other ancient coinage of India, Nepal, Tibet, etc. However, they have maintained a uniform standard of weight. Even smaller denominations like 1/2 rupee, 1/4 rupee, 1/8 rupee in silver of Tripura are known. Many specimens are with the Indian Museum, British Museum and in the collections of many individuals. Many of these coins were illustrated and published in the journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London in 1900-1930.

The ancient coins of Tripura are excessively rare, particularly the coins of the enclosed photographs. These coins, at present, are in the collections of Capt. Basil S. Battershill of Calcutta. Hope, this will help you to clear the misunderstandings some of your clients may have about these very interesting coins. Perhaps, you could write about these facts in some coin magazine for the benefit of other collectors.

(Following are the details of the Tripura coins as in the photographs.)

No. 1: Obverse - Ardhanariswari seated on Bull and Lion. Saka 1482

Reverse - Lakha snayi Sri Sri Tripura maheesa Bijoya Manikya Deva Sri Lakhibala Devyau. Size: 24.6mm. Weight: 10.55gms.

No. 2: Obverse - Lion to left with trident. Saka 1635.

Reverse - Siva-Durga padabja Madhupa Sri Sri yuta Dharmma manikya deva. Size 25mm. Weight: 10.5gms.

No. 3: Obverse - Lion to right with trident. Saka 1458.

Reverse - Sri Sri Bijoy manikya deva sri Lakhi Mahedevyau
Size: 21.4mm. Weight: 10.6gms.

No. 4: Obverse - Lion to left. Saka 1499.

Reverse - Sri Sri yutamara manikya deva sri Amaravathi Mahadevyau.

No. 5: Obverse - Lion to left. Saka 1501.

Reverse - Digbijoyi Sri Sri yutamara manikya deva sri Amaravathi devyau.

No. 6: <u>One Rupee of Assam (a very rare piece)</u>

Obverse - Sri Bhagadutta Kulodbhava Sri Bharatha Simha nripasya. Saka 1719.

Reverse - Sri Sri Krihna Charanaba binda makaranda pramatha madhukarasya.

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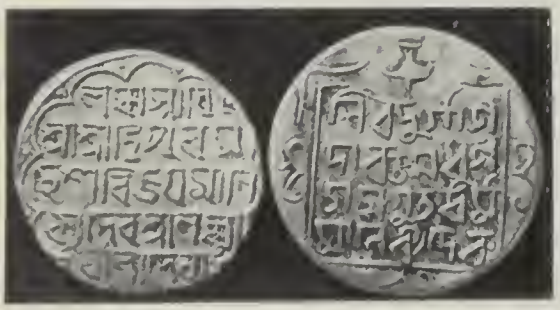
No. 4



Reverse
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Reverse
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Reverse
No. 3

Reverse
No. 4

Obverse No. 5 | Reverse No. 6 | Reverse No. 5 | Obverse No. 6

COINS OF KING EDWARD VIII

by Soli R. Icewalla (N.I. 570)

King Edward VIII (Duke of Windsor, who died recently) sat on the throne of England for ten months from January 20, 1936 to December 11, 1936. Though dies for his coinage (gold, silver and bronze) bearing his head were prepared in Great Britain, only a few sets were struck for national institutions and royalty.

The only coin to come out in public was a 12-sided 3 Pence coin which was a new size and shape being tried out for the first time. One theory is that a few were circulated for testing in vending machines. Anyhow, some did come in the market but are very rare (the estimated number is placed at 12).

Coins bearing his name were put into circulation by the British Commonwealth Colonies of British West Africa, East Africa, Fiji New Guinea and the native states of Kutch and Jodhpur in India.

Unfortunately these coins do not bear his profile. He was very popular and handsome and his profile on stamps is very attractive. It would have came out well if it had been engraved on the coins.

Fiji, a Pacific island which recently became independent, issued a copper-nickel penny in 1936. East Africa (later divided into Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika, Zanzibar and Somaliland) issued bronze 5 cent and 10 cents in the same year. British West Africa issued 1/10 penny, 1/2 penny and 1 penny coins in copper-nickel, also dated 1936. New Guinea, in 1936, issued a bronze 1 penny coin.

Silver coins commemorating the reign of King Edward VIII were issued by Kutch, the then Indian Native State. It issued silver coins in the denominations of 1 kori, 2-1/2 kori and 5 kori and also copper 3 dokdas. These coins were issued by Maharaj Shri Khengarjee Sawai Bahadur "in the name of King Edward VIII", and were dated 1936.

Raja Umaid Singh of Jodhpur, another Indian Native State, also issued a copper quarter anna in the name of King Edward VIII.

These are the only coins of King Edward VIII known to have been issued.

BOOK REVIEWS

"Numismatika i epigrafika", Vol. VIII (1970), Vol. IX (1971), and Vol. X (1972), all published in Moscow by the "Science" Publishing House, under the auspicies of "The Order of the Red Banner of Labor" Institute of Archeology of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR.

In its narrowest sense, numismatics is the study of coins, and epigraphy is the study of inscriptions. It is possible to combine them, and the Soviets, at least in this annual publication have done so. However, there is more numismatics in them than epigraphy. Like most Communist bloc numismatic books, they are well-bound and inexpensive, printed on thin paper with long, hard-to-read lines, but with good plates.

They do not have summaries in other languages, and the user who does not know some Russian will have difficulty.

Many of the articles, as might be expected, deal with hoards and the numismatic finds of archeology. There are other topics, however. For example, there is "A Sketch of the History of the Coin Cabinet of the Hermitage Museum" (Vol. VIII); a "Soviet Numismatic Bibliographic Index 1961-1965" (Vol. IX); and "Monetary Affairs of Parthia During the Reign of Mithradates I" (Vol. X). Purely epigraphic articles include "Ceramic Marks on the Island of Thasos" (Vol. X) and "Latin Inscriptions in the Roman Catacombs" (Vol. X).

Nearly all the research reported related to ancient and medieval coins. There is much about Islamic coins in what is now the territory of the USSR.

The bibliography in Vol. IX could be very valuable to a specialist in the coins of Eastern Europe or what is now Soviet Asia. It also contains additions to the bibliographies of 1917-1918 and 1959-60, which were orignally published in Vols. II and III of "Numismatika i epigrafika".

The history of the Hermitage's collection in Vol. VIII takes up 114 large pages and is illustrated with portraits of prominent Russian numismatists. The history of the Hermitage goes back to the eighteenth century and its founder, Catherine the Great, but the history of its numismatic collection is longer. It was, according to the article, started by the "Muenzkabinett" of the "Kunzkamera" (possibly translated as "Coin Cabinet of the Art Chamber") of Peter the Great's beloved Academy of Sciences, the same organization which, 260 years later, published these volumes. Peter himself was an ardent numismatist. The article tells of the first important purchase of the "Kabinett", a collection of ancient coins bought in Hamburg in 1717 for 500 thalers.

Most of the article consists of detailed accounts of acquisitions and studies since that date, of little general interest. But the first few pages, which amount to an essay on numismatics, give valuable insights into the Russian view of coin-collecting and study. They stress the value to society and to mass culture of the transition to museums and science of the leading roles in numismatics. There is some attempt to present this as a Russian accomplishment; however, there is realization that it is true world-wide. The denigration of

the role of the individual student and collector is, of course, a basic tenet of collectivism.

All the books are priced at less than two rubles. Vol. VIII had a printing of 2000, Vol. IX of 4200, and Vol. X of 4000. Apparently they underestimated the demand for Vol. VIII and overestimated it slightly for Vol. IX. The Soviet publishing industry does not like unsold remainders.

Reviewed by Ralph S. Walker

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"Russkaya monyetnaya sistyema" (Russian Monetary System), by I. G. Spassky, "Aurora" Publishing House, Leningrad, 1970. 256 pages, bound in cloth, 2 rubles.

When I ordered this book from an export list I did not know that the third edition had been translated into English and published in 1967 by Schulman of Amsterdam. This information is in the preface of this fourth edition. Obviously, those who want the book but don't read Russian would be well to try to find the English-language edition.

The author, I. G. Spassky, is a very prominent Russian numismatist. He is connected with the Division of Numismatics of the Hermitage Museum in Leningrad, in what capacity at present I do not know.

The preface also states that the first two editions were issued as textbooks for teachers, and that the fourth has been augmented considerably in text and illustration. However, the author goes on to say -- "Its basic tasks remain as before: leaning chiefly on numismatic material, to tell how the Russian monetary system originated and developed, to trace the history of the circulation of coins in our country from the beginning to the present day".

The book is written in easy popular style, with reasonably good illustrations on almost every page and several full-page plates. It is essentially a history of Russia's coinage, the denominations, the standards, the usage, the mints, the circulation. The social and economic ramifications of any post-medieval monetary "system" are very lightly brushed, showing that the author is no ideologue, since to treat such subjects requires that the official Marxist interpretations be given. Paper currency is not treated at all. Even the last chapter, on Soviet money, steers clear of the complicated double monetary system now in use. The book is definitely within the sphere of numismatics rather than economics.

As such, it is interesting and useful, with a strictly chronological arrangement. It is cheap (about $3.00), and 30,000 copies were printed.

Reviewed by Ralph S. Walker

COINAGE OF DURRANI RULERS STRUCK IN INDIA

by R. T. Somaiya

During a visit to Kashmir in April of this year I was lucky enough to get some good silver and copper coins of Durrani rulers, besides some ancient coins of Hindu rulers and medieval coins of Sultans of Kashmir. Because of that acquisition, I was keen to get more details regarding all of them and Mr. Patrick D. Hogan's article "A Listing of Oriental Coins -- Afghanistan: Durrani Empire" in the June 1972 issue of the NI Bulletin was naturally liked and appreciated.

As per further information I had gathered, Durranis had annexed the territories of Kashmir, Punjab, Frontier Provinces and Multan, most of which was then a part of India, to the Kingdom of Afghanistan and ruled most of the time from Lahore. Apart from those territories they also exercised effective influence over Sind and Kutch as well.

The Durrani rulers who issued coins from Indian territory were:

Ahmad Shah - AD 1747-73
Taimur Shah - AD 1773-93
Zaman Shah - AD 1793-1801
Shuja-ul-Mulk, 1st reign - AD 1801
Mahmud Shah, 1st reign - AD 1801-03
Shuja-ul-Mulk, 2nd reign - AD1803-09
Mahmud Shah, 2nd reign - AD - 1809-29

In between, Kaisar Shah is reported to have ruled over Kashmir from AD 1806-08.

The main Durrani mints from those areas were Bhakkhar, Derajat, Multan, Kashmir (Srinagar), Peshawar and Farrukhabad and almost all the Durrani rulers issued their coins from those mints.

The silver rupees of Taimur, in my collection, bear the following legend in beautiful calligraphy:

Obverse: "Sikke Taimur Shah Bar Chehre Naqsh
Az Khursheed-o-mah tarand me
Kharch aarad tilaa-o-nuqrah."

and bear different dates from AH1194 to 1208 and on reverse the legend reads "Zarb Kashmir sanah jalus (7 on coin bearing 1194 date and 20 on the one bearing date 1208) maimanat manuus."

On Taimur's copper Fulus the legend reads:

Obverse: "Sikke Fulus Taimur Shah
Durrani (AH) 1200", also 1201
Reverse: "Zarb Kashmir Sanah 13", also 15

Lettering on Ahmad Shah's coppers is also beautiful but different and much larger, so full legends are not readable. From the portion seen on the coins it appears to be:

Obverse: "Sikke-Ahmad Shah"
Reverse: "Zarb Kashmir Sanah...."

Zaman Shah's fulus have varieties. On one of AH 1214 it reads:
"Zamah Shahi" and on another of AH1212,
"Zaman Shah / Zarb Kashmir Sanah...."

I also have a silver rupee of Mahmud minted in Kashmir during his 2nd regnal year but the legend on the obverse being incomplete on the flange, I have not been able to comprehend it. In other cases, as I have more than one, it was possible to read the legends.

NEW ISSUES WITH ASSIGNED YEOMAN NOS.

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COUNTRY	TENTATIVE CATALOG NO. AND ISSUE	
ALGERIA:	Y13	20 Centimes 1972, Copper-Nickel (22mm), F.A.O.
	Y14	1 Dinar 1972, Copper-Nickel (25mm), F.A.O.
	Y15	5 Dinars "1962-1972", Silver (31mm), F. A. O. (No. 15 also commemorates 10 years of independence from France.)
CZECHOSLOVAKIA:	Y91	20 Haleru 1972, Brass (19.5mm), Regular issue
	Y94	2 Koruny 1972, Cupro-Nickel (24mm), Reg. issue
FRENCH AFARS AND ISSAS:	Y1	1 Franc 1971, Aluminum (23mm)
	Y2	2 Francs 1968, Aluminum (27mm)
	Y3	5 Francs 1968, Aluminum (31mm)
	Y4	10 Francs 1970, Aluminum-Bronze (20mm)
THE GAMBIA:	Y13	1 Dalasi 1971, Cupro-Nickel (34mm)
GREECE:	Y62	10 Drachmai 1971, Cupro-Nickel (30mm)
NEPAL:	Y99	1 Paisa Samvat 2028 (1972), Aluminum (16.5mm)
	Y100	2 Paisa Samvat 2028 (1972), Aluminum (18.5mm)
	Y101	5 Paisa Samvat 2028 (1972), Aluminum (20.5mm)
	Y102	10 Paisa Samvat 2028 (1972), Brass (21mm)
	Y103	25 Paisa Samvat 2028 (1972), Cop.-Nickel (19mm)
	Y104	50 Paisa Samvat 2028 (1972), Cop.-Nickel (23.5mm)
	Y105	1 Rupee Samvat 2028 (1972), Cop.-Nickel (27.5mm)
PERU:	Y80	5 Soles 1972, Cupro-Nickel (25.5mm)
(late arrival):		
ISRAEL:	Y57	5 Pounds 1972, Silver (34mm) Chanuka-25th Anniversary State of Israel

ATTRIBUTION SERVICE OFFER: Member V. K. Thacker, Vokla-Falia, BHUJ (Kutch), (Gujrat) INDIA has kindly advised he would be willing to do attribution for any NI members in the areas of Kutch coins, Oriental Calendars, History of Sultans of Gujrat, etc. Members should not send coins, but rubbings, drawings, or photographs due to the delay and difficulty of mailing coins in and out of India. In all cases, please write Mr. Thacker first before sending material.

MEMBERS NOTICES:

Kenneth T. Olmsted, P. O. Box 611, Longview, Washington 98632: Since having retired, I find myself behind in answering correspondence received. In time, I will be sure to reply to all letters received, please bear with me correspondents.

Robert T. McIntire, P. O. Box 546, Jacksonville, Ark. 72076: Please contact me for any information on the upcoming RAZORBACK COIN SHOW (U.S. and World Coins) at the Ramada Inn in North Little Rock, Ark. on December 9th and 10th.

Daniel K. E. Ching, Box 75423 - Sanford Sta., Los Angeles, Calif. 90075: Doing research and need any assistance by anyone who knows with certainty that the following coin does indeed exist: Manchukuo Y12, 10 Fen, Yr. 10 (1943). Has anyone seen one? Can a rubbing be supplied? I would appreciate any and all correspondence on this coin. Thank you.

Adalbert Goertz, 22 Strickler Ave., Waynesboro, Pa. 17268: WANTED: Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, Austria. Write.

Philip Wing, Box 322, Grove City, Ohio 43123: I would like to exchange trade and want lists with any NI member who is interested in doing so. My collecting interests are many and varied and I am sure many trades can be arranged.

C. C. Andrews, 8516 Bluebonnet Rd., Dallas, Texas 75209: Have Canadian Large Cents 1859, 1859 counterstamped G.B.CUSHING, 1876H, 1890H, 1900H, 1902, 1913 (2) Avg. VF, 1891 Sm. Date, Sm. Leaves XF; need Philippines Y-26 and Y-27 Ch. BU Commemoratives. Write.

Dan Clark, P. O. Box 258, Douglas, Wyoming 82633: Urgently needed for research paper - information, photos of, or send for inspection, (copies in any form would help) of late Roman HONORIUS, AE 4, SALUS REIPUBLICAE reverse on which Victory is dragging a captive to the left, from SMK (Cyzicus) mint only. Current information indicates officina A only minted this coin. Reasonable reimbursement for costs involved.

Dan Clark, P. O. Box 258, Douglas, Wyoming 82633: WANTED - information on, photo or reproduction of, or send for inspection, Byzantine John I (969-976 A.D.) anonymous bronze with one (1) or three (3) dots in nimbus. BMC Wroth 8-9, and 37. Reasonable reimbursement for costs involved.

John K. Graves, Box 91, Contoocook, N. H. 03229: COMMENTS REGARDING MY TWO RECENT ITEMS IN NI BULLETINS -- Regarding the Iraq 1955 100 Fils piece, I had two comments enclosing pictures of the coin. Unfortunately, in both cases it was part of the 1955 Proof Sets struck by the Royal Mint, which was already known. But the big question is what happened to 1,000,000 pieces struck in 1955, unless of course they were dated 1953, as I strongly suspect.

It seems every time I get tired of waiting for others to come through in a particular field and put an article together for the bulletin, something happens. This time regarding the bit on Korean Cast Coinage, I now have word that Whitman is supposed to release in November Edgar Mandel's book on the subject. This should cover a lot of the unanswered questions on this little covered field.